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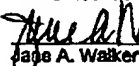
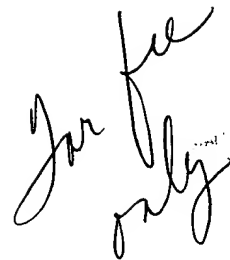
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed May 4, 2004 in the above-referenced application, please amend the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.**

**Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.**

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component of a *prima facie* case of obviousness; this is lacking. Thus, applicants respectfully request the rejection be withdrawn.

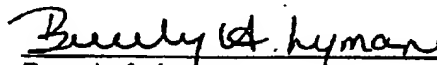
### **CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, applicant's invention is believed to be patentable and an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Applicant has submitted a petition for a one-month extension with this Amendment and authorizes the Examiner to charge the fee of \$110, for a one-month extension to Deposit Account No. 23-3000. If any additional fees are necessary, the Commissioner may consider this to be a request for such and charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

The Examiner is invited to contact the applicants' undersigned representative with any questions.

Respectfully submitted,  
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